



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SEKITANI, Hiroyuki**

Serial No.: 09/745,435

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Group Art Unit: 2175

Examiner: **Hassan Mahmoudi**

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For: **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR MANUFACTURING MACHINES**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 4, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 19, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as indicated below:

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1. (**Amended**) An information management system for manufacturing machines comprising;  
a database that manages input and output in addition to memory of individual machine information, which is a body of information concerning each manufacturing machine as products of a company, said individual machine information including parts books, drawings and documents that cover designing, procurement and production, as well as wishes of customers obtained before designing in addition to maintenance information obtained after the start of the operation of the manufacturing machine in an industrial manufacturing facility;  
an information processing means for each of said company departments; and